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SEPTEMBER

Monthly Member Newsletter

FROM THE KITCHEN

The Welcome Back Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, September 14. The dinner will be prepared by Chef Jesus Alcega and hosted by Jill Aldape and Sorginak.

The doors will open to the dining room at 6 PM with dinner being served buffet-style at 6:30 PM. Online dinner reservations for the September dinner will have a pre-pay option and are non-refundable. Those who have not pre-paid can pick up your reservation card at the table in the dining room near the payment table. You will need it to pay for dinner. You will be able to pay in cash, check, or credit card at the door.

September 2024 dinner menu:

Tossed salad with Onati Dressing
Babyback Ribs
Alaskan Cod with Butter and Lemon Sauce
Amuma's Paella
Homemade Bread and Butter
Wine and Coffee

Monthly Dinner Prices

Members and guests (over 10): \$25
Children (10 and under): \$10

Please make your dinner reservations using the reservation link on the Basque Center website at bit.ly/euzmonthlydinners. If you are unable to make your reservation online, please call or text your reservation to 208-572-0604. There is no longer an email option for making reservations.

There will be no babysitter service provided until the February 2025 Dinner.

The deadline for dinner reservations is **8 PM on Tuesday, September 10**. Please note that reservations called into the bar will not be accepted, reservations emailed in will not be accepted, and reservations left after 8 PM on September 10 will not be accepted. If you need to cancel all or part of your reservation that deadline is also Tuesday, September 10 at 8 PM. Cancellations should be called or texted to 208-572-0604.

EUZKALDUNAK 75th ANNIVERSARY

Can you believe 2024 is Euzkaldunak's 75th Anniversary? To celebrate such a huge milestone we have planned a 2024 Nostalgia Tour. Each monthly dinner will be an opportunity to come together, honor those that came before us, enjoy the traditions they created, and look forward to another incredible 75 years. Stay tuned for more details about each dinner as they get closer, but for now, start planning your Nostalgia Tour outfits! Each monthly dinner will celebrate a different decade and we would love for everyone to celebrate with us by dressing according to that decade—you will be entered into a drawing for a 1949 vintage Manzanos wine for your participation in each month's festivities! Thank you to Leku Ona for the generous donation of the wine each month. Here is the schedule:

- September: 1990's
- October: 2000's
- November: 2010's
- December: Origins and into the Future

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SAN INAZIO THANKS FROM EUZKALDUNAK CLUB PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would once again like to thank our membership and everyone that participated in another successful San Inazio. This year we were able to bring the group Spoonful (Mike Barriatua), who provided music on Saturday night, and Triki Taka Stomp, Dan Ansotegui, Jean & Jean Jules Flesher who performed on Sunday evening.

The festival also featured great entertainment and performances by Txantxangorriak, Boiseko Gazteak, and Oinkari Dantzari Taldea.

Thank you to the volunteers who gave their time to work at the booths and behind the scenes. Your names are included in the previous lists – if we missed anyone, we extend our sincerest apologies. No matter the task, your volunteer efforts help ensure a smooth and successful weekend. I would personally like to thank those who helped with the Thursday setup and Sunday takedown without being asked. A big thank you to Bryan Day, Ricardo Yanci and Ed Orbea, for coordinating the food booth all weekend, and special thanks to Jesus Alcelay. Your hard work and organization made the festival a success and your willingness to help whenever needed was very much appreciated. - ESKERRIK ASKO!

Mike Franzoia

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SAN INAZIO MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

A part of the continuing celebration of Euzkaldunak's 75th Anniversary included Mayor Lauren McLean's thanks and a City of Boise Proclamation congratulating us and recognizing 2024 as the Anniversary Year of the now named Basque Foundation, Incorporated. The Mayor's Office also gifted the Basque Center and each living President a copy of the Proclamation and a book regarding the history of arts and culture in Boise, *Boise @ One Five Zero: Essays and Poems from the City of Trees*. Thank you again to our living Presidents who attended the San Inazio Mass for their decades of commitment to leadership in our activities. When you see them, please join us in saying, Eskerrik asko!

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- 1985, 1986 Delphina Arnold
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MONTHLY DINNER BABYSITTING TO RESUME-FEBRUARY 2025

Babysitting at monthly dinners was put on pause because of several issues that were consistently occurring. To bring the service back, the Euzkaldunak board is introducing a new system in hopes of resolving the prior issues. Families with children ages 1-10 can add their child to the babysitting list when they make their reservation for the monthly dinner. There will be a \$10 fee per child for using this service which will help to cover the cost of food, drink, and child care. If you do not add your child to the list, they will not be allowed to join the fun downstairs as it will lead to unsafe ratios for the babysitter. If your child doesn't need the babysitting service, you are welcome to add them to your normal reservation and have them sit upstairs with you. If you or someone in your family (age 14 or older) is interested in this paid babysitting position during the dinners, please email secretary@basquecenter.com

DINNER HOSTS

Basque Foundation Inc. would like to thank the families and organizations who have acted as hosts for a monthly dinner. We are always in need of additional assistance. Please email vicepresident@basquecenter.com to get involved!

OINKARI NEW KIDS' PRACTICES

The Oinkari Basque Dancers seek new members each fall. For anyone interested in joining this year, New Kids' practices will begin Sunday, September 15, at noon until 1:30 at the Basque Center and continue on September 22 and 29. We only allow new members to join once a year by attending at least one (but preferably all three) of these practices. No prior Basque dance experience is necessary but dancers must be at least 14 years old by September 1, 2024, or a freshman in high school to join. All Oinkaris must be members (or children of members, if under the age of 18) of Euzkaldunak. If you have any questions, please email our Dance Directors, Michael Lejardi and Jaclyn Lasuen (michael@oinkari.org, jaclyn@oinkari.org).

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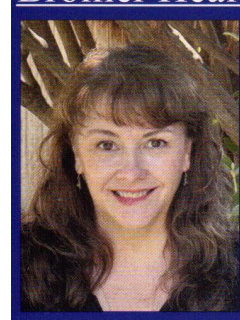
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**OMENALDIA MEMORIAL MASS-NEW
LOCATION-RISEN CHRIST CATHOLIC
CHURCH-OCTOBER 13**

Please join us Sunday, October 13, at 2 PM for our annual Omenaldia Memorial Mass, this year at Risen Christ Catholic Church (11511 W Lake Hazel Road). We were invited to celebrate at Risen Christ by Father Ben Uhlenkott and their staff, and we look forward to remembering loved ones lost in the last year at this new location. The first Omenaldia was held in 1996 and since then, the Basque community in the Treasure Valley has gathered together to remember the loved ones that have passed away in the past year.

If you would like to remember someone that has passed away since last October, please call Annie at the Basque Museum 208-343-2671 or email annieq@basquemuseum.eus. There will be a potluck after mass, so please bring a dish to share. All dishes should be able to be served at room temperature or brought in a heated container to keep it at temperature. Drinks, plates, utensils, and napkins will be provided.

**BOISE-OÑATI 50TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT
OPENING**

Join us October 3 at 6 PM at the Basque Center for a short presentation and discussion panel about the first exchange program between Boise and Oñati in the 1974-75 school year. This program was the beginning of several partnerships, collaborations and additional exchange programs! Learn about the people and families that started the program, the hardships, the relationships, and the incredible memories created. Afterwards we invite everyone to the Basque Museum for the official opening of the Boise-Oñati exhibit. Pintxos & refreshments will be provided at the Museum afterwards. This event is free and open to all!


BASQUE LANGUAGE CLASSES-REGISTER NOW!

If you are interested in learning Euskara or brushing up on some words and phrases in anticipation of the big Basque summer of 2025, sign up for Euskara classes with the Basque Museum. There are various levels, offered online and in-person. Basque Center members get a discount on class costs, so no reason not to sign up! Basquemuseum.eus/learn/euskara or call the Basque Museum 208-343-2671. Deadline to register is Labor Day.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR-EGUBERRIKO AZOKA

The Basque Museum's annual Basque Christmas Market will be held in conjunction with Boiseko Gazteak and Txantxangorriak's Winter Show on Sunday, December 8 on the Basque Block - rain, snow or shine! There will be vendors, food, drink, Olentzero, sheep wagons and more. Shop local Basque artisans for some Christmas gifts, taste traditional Basque foods, watch the musicians and dancers perform, and get your picture taken with Olentzero! More information to come! If you are interested in being a vendor at the Azoka, contact Annie at annieg@basquemuseum.eus.



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ANY PACK RATS OUT THERE?

The Basque Museum & Cultural Center has been working with the Basque Center Board as part of its 75th Anniversary celebration, to ensure that all copies of Euzkaldunak newsletters have been collected and digitized. We've contacted some Euzkaldunak members we thought might have copies and have been fortunate to be able to fill in many gaps...but there are still some issues we're in need of. If you have a copy of the following Euzkaldunak newsletters we would appreciate the opportunity to scan and return it/them to you. This will ensure that the wonderful record of activities that Euzkaldunak has organized over the past decades will be preserved:

- 1974** – June, July, August, September, October, November, December
- 1975** – January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September
- 1976** – September, November
- 1977** – March, April, June, July, November
- 1978** – March, May, June
- 1979** – January, February, May, June, August, September, November, December
- 1980** – April, June, December
- 1981** – February, April
- 1982** – February
- 1983** – August
- 1992** – February
- 2000** – March, May, November
- 2001** – February
- 2009** – November

It may be that there is not an issue—for example, during the summer—a month or two were often combined in early summer/late summer editions. If you do have copies of Euzkaldunak newsletters and would be willing to look through them to see if you might have some of these missing editions – we'd be grateful to you for your effort! Please contact Patty Miller at the Basque Museum & Cultural Center – 208-343-2671 or via email pattyam@basquemuseum.eus.



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**BOISEKO GAZTEAK 2024-2025
 REGISTRATION**

It's now time to get ready for the 2024-2025 season!

Registration:

Online registration for Boiseko Gazteak will begin on Tuesday, September 3. It will be accessible until Tuesday, September 17. In order to access the online registration forms on September 3, please use the following link: bit.ly/boiseko In order to dance with Boiseko Gazteak, Parents/Guardians (NOT Grandparents) must be members of Euzkaldunak. If you are not currently a member of Euzkaldunak, you may become a member by contacting Patty Gabica (secretary@basquecenter.com) or by registering for Euzkaldunak membership during the Boiseko registration on the evening of September 17.

Costume Information:

Procuring enough fabric continues to be an issue right now, and we are concerned about providing enough costumes for all of our dancers. During registration, we will also be asking for information about your costume needs. If you or someone you know has costumes to sell, please feel free to contact Heather Totoricaguena (208-860-9392 or htotoricaguena@gmail.com).

Group Organization:

- Txikitxuak (txiki) – 4*-5 year olds
- (must be at least 4 by Oct. 1, 2024)
- Azkarrak – 6-7 years old
- Txulitoak – 8-10 years old
- Nagusiak – 11-14 years old

*On occasion, we have allowed children who have not yet turned 4 to practice and perform with the Txikis. This is done on a case-by-case basis. A couple of things to keep in mind: one parent must be present and help teach/corral the kids at each Txiki practice throughout the season. This volunteer assignment does not count towards the two volunteer shifts per family you must complete during the season.

BOISEKO GAZTEAK 2024-2025

REGISTRATION, CONT'D

Teachers & Musicians Wanted:

The board is looking for teaching volunteers to assist the directors for each age group. This program cannot continue without the people who are committed to teaching every Tuesday night for nine weeks before Christmas and nine weeks after Christmas. Teaching is also a great opportunity for current high school kids to earn volunteer hours. Please think about joining the crew that continues to pass on our culture to these wonderful kids year after year. If you are interested, please contact Johnny Aldape (208-761-2121 or johnaldape@gmail.com). Similarly, we are also looking for musicians (txistu, accordion, & tambourine) to provide live music during practices and performances. If you are interested, please contact Nikki Totorica (208-867-2175 or nikkitorica@gmail.com).

2024-2025 Boiseko Calendar (tentative):

9/3 - Online registration begins
9/17 - Onsite registration at 7PM, including new and used costume coordination (Basque Center)
9/24 - First practice at 7PM (each Tuesday until Dec. 3, no practice on Nov. 5 & 26)
11/2 - Euzkaldunak Morzilla Dinner, hosted by Boiseko Gazteak (Basque Center basement)
12/8 - Winter Show at 1PM (Basque Block)
1/7 - Practice resumes at 7PM (each Tuesday until March 4)
3/9 - Spring Show at 1PM (Basque Block)
7/28 & 29 - Jaialdi 2025 practices at 7PM
8/2 - Jaialdi 2025 performance (Expo Idaho)

NEW MEMBERS

Amaya Berriochoa Blum
Jaime Hull

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SAN INAZIO PILOTA FESTIVAL

Twenty-two players from Boise, San Francisco, and Euskal Herria participated in this Basque Pilota Festival. The Boise public—as well as fans around the world via online streaming—had the opportunity to watch competitive pala games and a handball tournament featuring female professionals. The Euskal Herria 4 ½ handball tournament featured Maddalen Etxegarai, Olatz Arrizabalaga, Enara Gaminde and Naroa Azpeitia. The tournament was made possible by Todor Azurtza who, for the last few years, has worked with Fernando Azkarate, president of the Munduko Pilota Batzarra (MPB), in order to bring female elite players to Boise with the intention to promote pilota among the younger generations, and especially among girls.

Thank you to all the public who came to the fronton and to the other players who participated in the festival: Anne-Marie De Couto Mansisidor, Bryanne Gribble, Maite Kvarna, Geneva Ayarra, Mateo Franzoia, Michael Lejardi, John Cortabitarte, Pedro Cortabitarte, Ben Monasterio, Patrick Bidegaray, Lukas Miller, Andrew Miller, Jake Jauregui, Johnny Boyd, Ryan Boyd, Ander Zubillaga, Oier Pastor, Todor Azurtza. An added thanks to those engaged in setup and running of the event: Crash Magnuson, Alex McKinley and Ben Bengoetxea from the BFA and Lur Intxaurtza and Pedro Uriarte from the MPB.

A final thank you for funding and donations from Euzkaldunak, the Boise Fronton Association, and Leku Ona.

Fall 2024 Pala League signups end August 31st. If you are interested in playing pala or other Basque Pilota, contact boisefronton@gmail.com.

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Each month, we list the names of recently passed members & supporters of Euzkaldunak and the local Basque community. Please send us the names of the recently deceased so we can honor them in print.

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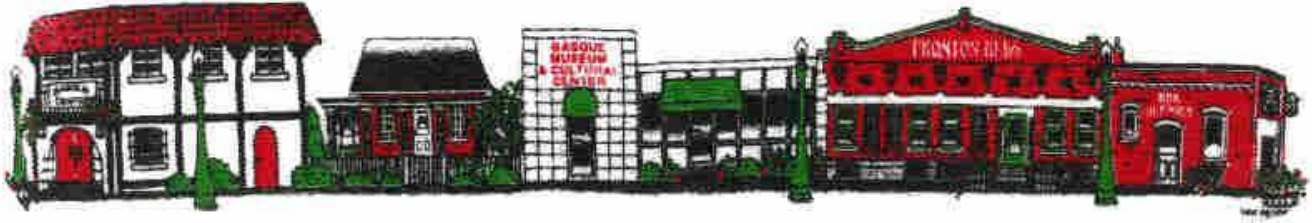
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2024 EUZKALDUNAK EVENTS

9/14: September Dinner
10/19: October Dinner

11/2: Morzilla Dinner/Bazaar/Bingo
12/21: Shepherders Ball